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SUBJ: SINO-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS

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1. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ESTRANGEMENT IN SINO-CAMBODIAN RELATIONSHIP THAT WE CAN DISCERN FROM PEKING. AT THE BEGINNING OF IENG SARY'S CURRENT TOUR OF ASIAN CAPITALS HE SEEMED TO RECEIVE NORMAL DEGREE OF CHINESE HOSPITALITY INCLUDING MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN. THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS ON CAMBODIA IN RECENT MONTHS. NEWS TREATMENT OF SUCH EVENTS AS SARY VISIT, THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER TROUBLES AND CAMBODIA REJECTION OF OUR DEMARCHE OF MARCH 14 DID NOT REVEAL ANY SHIFT IN PRC ATTITUDE.

2. JAPANESE AND FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HYPOTHEZIZED DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON CAMBODIA THAT THE PRC MIGHT BE ANXIOUS THAT THE CAMBODIANS OPEN UP MORE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND MIGHT EVEN HAVE INSTIGATED SARY'S PRESENT TRIP FOR THIS REASON.

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3. WHILE ALL APPEARS NORMAL BETWEEN PEKING AND PHNOM PENH, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME FRICTION BETWEEN CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE. CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR PICH CHEANG AT RECENT DINNER HOSTED BY YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR SAID CAMBODIA-SRV RELATIONSHIP SUFFERED BECAUSE OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY

FORCES ON CAMBODIAN SOIL.

4. ON SINO-VIETNAMESE FRONT JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER
TOLD US OF BITTER REMARK MADE TO HIM MARCH 22 BY
"MIDDLE-LEVEL CHINESE OFFICIAL" TO EFFECT THAT SRV
"LISTENED TO USSR TOO MUCH" AND WAS GUILTY OF "LITTLE
TSARISM", A HERESY WHICH JAPANESE INTERPRETED AS
BEING AKIN TO DESIRE FOR HEGEMONY IN INDO-CHINA.
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